

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).
4. (Canceled).
5. (Canceled).
6. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling a user interface device to retrieve information and applications on a network comprising:
retrieving content from one or more data sources, and
presenting the retrieved content to the user interface device, wherein the retrieved content presented to a user includes information concerning network applications and/or services, said information being retrieved on the basis of a dedicated and searchable meta data category relating to and provided by the network application and/or service, wherein said meta data category includes a task-description language application to specify types of network applications and services, the meta data category describes the functionality of said network site as one or more functional identifiers.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising analysing an input user query to detect a desire for retrieving network applications and/or services, retrieving content from one or more data sources that match the user query and presenting the retrieved content to the user interface device.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the step of retrieving content from data sources comprises filtering content and applications from said one or more data sources to match such content with a user query or user profile.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein the user interface device is a web browser is configured to deliver information to the user based on a user profile, so as to personalise the portal.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the user profile is constructed based upon implicit feedback from information originating from the user and delivered by the browser.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein in the step of retrieving content, said content is retrieved based directly upon a user query and such content includes one or more links to application and/or service providers identified by said one or more functional identifiers.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium for storing code for enabling a user interface device to retrieve information and applications on a network ~~use with a network terminal~~, said computer readable medium comprising:
code for retrieving content from one or more data sources, and
code for presenting the retrieved content to the user interface device,
wherein the retrieved content presented to a user includes information concerning network applications and/or services, said information being retrieved on the basis of a dedicated and searchable meta data category relating to network application and/or service types, wherein said meta data category includes a task-description language application to specify types of web network applications and services that describes the functionality of said network site as one or more functional identifiers.